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##### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At its meeting of April, 2008, the Board of Regents took the following action:

**Conditional approval is granted for the proposed Bachelor of Science program in Unified Public Safety Administration (CIP Code 30.9999) at Northwestern State University, to be implemented Fall 2008, contingent upon the following stipulations:**

**1. By August 1, 2008, a report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, addressing the following: a. Hiring one additional faculty; and b. Formation of the Advisory Board , including a list of agencies represented, a schedule of planned meetings, and a list of topics for board consideration. 2. By August 1, 2009, a subsequent report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, addressing the following: a. Hiring of a second additional faculty; b. Numbers of program enrollees; and c. Activities of the program Advisory Board.**

On July 9, 2008, the University submitted the required progress report for August 1, 2008. The staff analysis below captures program implementation progress made to date.

##### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

###### **1. Additional Faculty Hire**

The University has hired one, new, doctorally prepared program faculty to begin employment in August, 2008.

###### **2. Formation of an Advisory Board**

An advisory board of nine individuals has been appointed, representing such agencies as the University, Total Safety Corp., Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid Association (professional safety/emergency services association), Natchitoches Parish Sheriff, International Association of Firefighters, and the U.S. Army. Meetings are planned for October, 2008 and March, 2009, wherein the following topics will be discussed: Board Guidelines, Program Review, Program Marketing, and other topics of Board interest.

## **STAFF SUMMARY**

The staff congratulates the University on program implementation progress. The new faculty member will be instrumental in assuring appropriate staffing. The composition and initial topics of consideration for the Advisory Board appear appropriate. As this entity matures, other issues such as community outreach, student scholarships and internships, monetary support for faculty professional development, etc. should be considered.

## ***STAFF RECOMMENDATION***

***The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the August, 2008 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Unified Public Safety Administration. As prescribed in the original motion of approval, the next progress report shall be due August 1, 2009.***